

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 30, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

- I. **Chairperson Jim Holley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Richard Small provided the invocation.
- III. **Mission Statement of the Board of Police Commissioners.**
- IV. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD, Chairperson	Yes	
Martin Jones, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Annie Holt	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

- V. **Chairperson Holley** called for any additions to the Agenda for Thursday, September 30, 2021, it was adopted.
 VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 2 Motion: Adopted
- VI. **Chairperson Holley** called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2021. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**
- VIII. **Chair's Report.** Chairperson Holley provided the following information:
 - (1) **FBI REPORT OF 2020 CRIME STATISTICS:** We are aware of the FBI's National Uniform Crime Report releasing the 2020 Crime Statistics this week. As a Board, we learned from our public safety forum in March 2021 that COVID-19 had helped cause the crime surge. Fewer people could be in jail. The Courts closed then had extensive backlogs of cases for trial. This is still a concern and affects protecting the community from violent criminals. We look forward to receiving an update from the Chief on the FBI's 2020 report and what crime trends are now in our City. Additionally, we look forward to hearing about any new activities and initiatives or status updates the Department is undertaking to deter crime.
 - (2) **SUPPORT OF DPD RETENTION AND PROTECTION OF DPD TRAINING EFFORTS AND FUNDING:** Please check and monitor your emails for updates. Many Board Members have expressed concerns about retaining Department Members once they receive extensive, expert DPD Police Academy Training. Last week, the Chief and the Department shared the reasons why members sometimes separate from DPD after becoming MCOLES Certified. The Board has approved resolutions to support recent efforts in the State Legislature to change this pattern, and our staff is following the bill in Lansing. Our staff is also following up on the Board's request to engage us in other efforts that help retain our police officers.
 - (3) **OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR MONTHLY REPORT:** Today, we will have our monthly Office of the Chief Investigator Report where we will receive updates on data relating to citizen complaints and patterns and

- (4) **SENIOR INVESTIGATOR POSITION UP FOR A VOTE TODAY:** Today, we will vote to select a staff member to the position of Senior Investigator with OCI. Last week, I requested that all Commissioners submit their top two (2) preferred candidates for the position to Interim Board Secretary White, who would then tally the top two (2) candidates from the list of names submitted so that we may vote on them today. In the interest of time and similar to how we have filled past appointments, we will consider the top 2 candidates submitted from the submissions, and move the process along. We have distributed instructions to the Commissioners earlier, and I ask for your cooperation.
- (5) **BOARD PERSONNEL VACANCIES:** The job postings for Board Secretary, Chief Investigator, and Citizen Complaint Investigator with our office have closed. Next week, the Board will receive the applications and resumes to begin review and evaluation. As an important note, we will continue to comply with the Board's governing rules for the HR Process in alignment with the City as well as the Open Meetings Act and other applicable statutes. Once Board Members receive the packets next week, we will schedule a discussion on the applications/resumes on October 14, 2021, and from that date, schedule to conduct interviews for the respective positions.
- (6) **NACOLE IN-PERSON CONFERENCE:** As a reminder, registration for the NACOLE Annual In-Person Conference is underway. Staff is registering all conference attendees and you will receive a binder with important details so that you may begin planning. Please note that NACOLE is requesting that all Conference Attendees be vaccinated and be prepared to provide confirmation. We also received information on how to schedule booster shots for those persons interested.
- (7) **STANDING RULES FOR BOPC:** Our staff is currently in the process of preparing additional standing rules for the Board's consideration and vote later in the year regarding administrative office policies and rules we need to have in place. Such matters that require additional guidelines include: committee structures; scheduling; communication with DPD and Staff; and other key administrative areas. This will ensure we maintain a professional standing in our day-to-day Board activities.

(8) REVISED PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS:
The Board's Staff distributed the revised proposed bylaw amendments for your review. No action will be taken today. However, please review the documents and send any written feedback or recommendations that you have so that we can approve a final document within the next two (2) weeks. Please send items in writing to the Board's Staff.

Commissioner Burch moved “to approve the appointment of Captain John Serda to the rank of Commander.” The motion was accepted and adopted.

Resolution: Vice Chairperson Jones read the resolution honoring Neighborhood Police Officer Joseph P. Corbett (Retirement).

WHEREAS He dutifully served the Seventh Precinct, Northeastern District, and the Seventh Precinct again. On March 18, 2014, he was promoted to the rank of Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) and served as an NPO until his retirement; and

WHEREAS During his law enforcement career, NPO Corbett was the deserving recipient of both Consent Judgment Awards, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, as well as commendations from supervisors and numerous letters of appreciation from citizenry; and

WHEREAS NPO Corbett has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for more than 23 years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication have been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected as a consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of Neighborhood Police Officer Joseph Corbett's for more than 23 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and lifelong commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Neighborhood Police Officer Joseph P. Corbett.

Commissioner Holt moved adoption of the resolution, which was adopted as follows: *Resolved*, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of Neighborhood Police Officer Joseph Corbett's for more than 23 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and lifelong commitment to the City of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

- I. **Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:** Chief James E. White reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID-19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting DPD and the community. See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.
- II. **PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: A. Chief Neighborhood Liaison – Commander Kyra Joy Hope and Sergeant Gwendolyn Stokes**
 - A. **Chief Neighborhood Liaison – Commander Kyra Joy Hope and Sergeant Gwendolyn Stokes** provided an overview of the Chief's Neighborhood Liaison discussing the following: Organizational Structure; responsibilities; and the various units comprised of the command. Also, the Board received information regarding the initiatives and programs that DPD is engaged in with the community.

MOTION: TO POSTPONE THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR'S PRESENTATION

Commissioner Holt moved "to accept Commissioner Bernard suggestion to postpone the Office of the Chief Investigator presentation until next week October 6, 2021." The motion was accepted and approved.

VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 Motion: Approved

XII. Report from Interim Board Secretary Melanie White/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:

- 1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 9/20/21 – 9/26/21
- 2. Budget Response from Agency CFO Nazarko
- 3. Response to Commissioner Bell's Inquiry: Training Academy Cost
- 4. Response to Commissioner Burton's Inquiry: Demographics of New Hires Year to Date
- 5. Quentin Hines v Henry Wakie, et al - Case No. 21-010925-CZ and Richard Wershie, Jr. v COD, et al - Case No. 21-CV-11686
- 6. Staff Reports

**XIII. Unfinished Business.
Senior Investigator Position**

- A. Motion: Commissioner Holt** moved “to narrow the candidates to the top two selected Marquitta Stanton and Hajnal Hiller.” The motion was accepted and approved.
- B. Motion: Commissioner Holt** moved “to appoint Hajnal Hiller to the position of Senior Investigator with the Office of the Chief Investigator, Board of Police Commissioners.”
- C. Motion: Commissioner Burton** moved “to postpone the selection of candidate for the Senior Investigator position until next week October 6, 2021.” The motion failed.

VOTE: Yes = 3 No = 8 Motion: Lost

- D. Motion: Commissioner Holt** moved “to appoint Hajnal Hiller to the position of Senior Investigator with the Office of the Chief Investigator, Board of Police Commissioners.” The motion was accepted and approved.

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 3 Motion: Adopted

XIV. New Business.

- A. Motion: Commissioner Burton** moved “that the Board of Police Commissioners create a resolution in support of officers’ residency in the city of Detroit.” The motion failed.

VOTE: Yes = 4 No = 7 Motion: Lost

Commissioner Bell requested the Board’s Staff to plan a future forum to discuss crime within the City of Detroit. The forum or panel discussion should include a university psychologist and/or subject matter expert to discuss inner-city crime within the City of Detroit.

Chairperson Holley shared that a future panel discussion is underway to share information regarding the rationale for the delay in processing in criminal cases. Additionally, the Board will hold a future panel discussion in line with the request by Commissioner Bell and Commissioner Bernard.

Commissioner Davis requested an updated report regarding this year’s cost for attending/participating in the NACOLE Annual Conference (virtual and in-person format).

- B. Motion: Commissioner Burton** moved “for a one year moratorium on the use of Facial Recognition Technology.”

- C. Motion: Vice Chairperson Jones** moved “to postpone indefinitely Commissioner Burton’s motion for a one year moratorium for the use of Facial Recognition Technology.” The motion was accepted and adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 3 Motion: Adopted

- D. Motion: Commissioner Burton** moved “to remove the Chair.” “Chair Holley ruled the motion out of order and called for a five minute recess.” After reconvening from the five-minute recess, the motion failed for want of a second.

XV. Announcements.

Mr. Robert Brown announced the following:

1. **Next Virtual Meeting:** Thursday, October 7, 2021, @ 3:00 p.m., Zoom Technology.
2. **Next Virtual Meeting:** Thursday, October 14, 2021, @ 3:00 p.m., Zoom Technology.

XVI. Oral Communications/Public Comments:

CAC Scotty Boman, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Brenda Hill, Ms. Diane Bukowski, Overwith is Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Kathryn, and Mr. Agnew offered public comments.

XVII. Chairperson Holley adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.